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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **PD-5**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES  
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03  
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the continuation of public transportation services in the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2002-03.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate an agreement with the City of Santa Clarita to have the City administer and the County and City jointly finance the transportation services for Fiscal Year 2002-03. The County's share of the cost for these services along with staff support is estimated to be \$1,710,000.
3. Instruct the Chairman of the Board to sign the completed agreement upon receipt.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this action is to provide for the continuation of public transportation services in the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

Your Board has previously approved programs to provide public transportation to the residents of the unincorporated areas of Santa Clarita Valley. These services include a seven-day-per-week local bus service, a five-day-per-week commuter service, and a seven-day-per-week elderly and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. These services have been administered by the City of Santa Clarita since January 1, 1992. This action will provide for the continuation of these services.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. Providing these services improves the mobility of public transit patrons in the Santa Clarita Valley.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The County's net share of the costs of these services is estimated to be \$1,650,000 plus \$60,000 in staff support for a total of \$1,710,000. Staff support includes service monitoring, analysis of new and proposed services, participation with City staff in responding to citizen concerns, participation in the annual Transportation Development Act Article 8 Unmet Needs process, and program budgeting.

The County's net share of the cost will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund. Grants and other revenues that will be used to offset the total cost of the service include the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5307 Grant funds, Proposition A Discretionary and Incentive Grant funds, other grants which the City and County may receive include farebox revenue and Metrolink transfer revenue.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of the program. The agreement with Santa Clarita Transit will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Chairman of the Board for signature. The agreement may not be submitted to the Chairman of the Board for signature prior to the beginning of the term of service for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 20, 1997, Synopsis 47, your Board found these services categorically exempt pursuant to the Class I category provided under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Appendix G of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel